

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 240  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Coach Dan Wadley and the Tennessee Temple Academy Boys Basketball Team on winning the 2003 TSSAA Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Temple Academy basketball program is renowned for its competitive stature and exemplary sportsmanship in the world of high school basketball; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Temple Academy boys basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2002-2003 season, establishing a record of 35-2 and winning the 2003 TSSAA Class A State Championship for the second year in a row; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable team finished the season with an astounding 31-game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, the Crusaders were led by coach Dan Wadley to their second consecutive State Championship; they are the first Chattanooga Boys Team in 30 years to win back-to-back state titles; and

WHEREAS, over the past two championship seasons, the basketball phenoms at Tennessee Temple Academy have established a 69-5 record; and

WHEREAS, while supporting the team's vision, several players were awarded accolades for their individual performances, including: Isaiah Mouw, All State Tournament; Caleb Skogen, All State Tournament; Ryan Wadley, All State Tournament, Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State First Team and Chattanooga City First Team; and Jake Skogen, All State Tournament, State Tournament MVP (for the second year in a row), Associated Press All-State First Team, Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State First Team, Chattanooga City First Team and Class A "Mr. Basketball"; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Temple Academy basketball team includes players Tim Bartlett, Isaiah Mouw, Jake Skogen, Ryan Wadley, Jesher Ballon, Stephen Cudd, Zach Mouw, Billy Shiraef, Caleb Skogen, Sean Wadley, James McCormick and Seth Skogen; Manager Michael Colquette; Sports Information Director David Prairie; Cameraman Jason Simmons; and Statisticians IV Elmendorf and Kyle Corkern all contributed significantly to the team's success; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Dan Wadley and Kevin Skogen have devoted many years to the cultivation of the basketball program at Tennessee Temple Academy and laid the groundwork for two state championships by sharing with the young men on the team their substantial knowledge of basketball, their many years of coaching and athletic experience, and their passion both for the sport of basketball and for excellence in every endeavor; Coach Wadley has even been named Chattanooga Coach of the Year for 2003; and

WHEREAS, the basketball players at Tennessee Temple Academy epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the team has inspired the student body and united the entire Chattanooga community in completing their triumphal run through the 2002-2003 basketball season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic and talent of this group of young people not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Tennessee Temple Crusaders for winning the 2003 TSSAA Class A State Basketball Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Dan Wadley and the Tennessee Temple Academy Crusaders on their formidable legacy, their individual and collective resolve and their extraordinary second consecutive championship season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.